

In the Abstract:

Please make the following amendments to the Abstract:

Page 20, please delete the paragraph on line 3.

Page 20, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

~~The invention relates to an~~ An expandable intra-gastric balloon (1) for treating obesity, ~~for implanting~~ The balloon can be implanted in the stomach of a patient in order to reduce the volume of the stomach. ~~The~~, said balloon (1) ~~comprising~~ comprises at least one flexible bag (2) presenting an inside face (2A) and an opposite, outside face (2B). ~~The~~, said inside and outside faces (2A, 2B) ~~forming~~ form the surface of the at least one flexible bag (2), ~~the balloon being characterized in that at~~ ~~At~~ least a portion of said ~~the~~ surface (2A, 2B) is covered by a coating (6, 6') comprising parylene.